

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4 and 6-13 remain in this application. Claims 5 and 14-25 have been canceled.

The examiner has acknowledged that claims 10-13 are directed to allowable subject matter. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 10 and 11. Claims 10 and 11 have been amended to recite that the agonist (claim 10) or antagonist (claim 11) is a nicotinic acetylcholine receptor agonist or antagonist, as disclosed at paragraphs 48-50. Claim 12 has been amended to correct dependency. No further amendments to claims are made.

I. Claim Objection

It is respectfully submitted that the amendment to claim 12 renders the objection thereto moot.

II. Rejection of Claims 10 and 11 Under 35 USC § 112, Second Paragraph

It is respectfully submitted that the amendment to claims 11 and 12 render the rejection of these claims moot.

III. Rejection of Claims 1-4 and 6-9 Under 35 USC § 112, First Paragraph (Written Description)

It is respectfully submitted that the amendment to claim 1 renders this rejection moot.

IV. Rejection of Claims 1-4 and 6-9 Under 35 USC § 112, First Paragraph (Enablement)

It is respectfully submitted that the amendment to claim 1 renders this ground of rejection moot.

V. Rejection of Claims 1-4 and 6-9 Under 35 USC § 103(a)

It is respectfully submitted that the amendment to claim 1 renders this rejection moot. The claims have been amended to include the limitations of claim 10 and 11, which have been acknowledged by the examiner to be free of the prior art. Accordingly, amended claim 1 and the claims dependent thereon are free of the cited prior art.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application, as amended above, is in condition for allowance, an early notification thereof being earnestly submitted.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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